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SUBJECT: BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS: EMBASSY COMMENTS ON SCHEDULE

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1. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT SCHEDULE PROVIDED IN REFTEL (A) WAS IN PRELIMINARY FORM, WE BELIEVE SILVEIRA COULD WELL BE DISAPPOINTED IN IT IF IT DOES NOT PROVIDE WHAT HE CAN SHOW HERE TO BE SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH SECRETARY AND SENIOR US OFFICIALS. SILVEIRA WILL HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO JAPAN WITH GEISEL, AND ANY SHORT SHRIFT IN HIS TREATMENT IN WASHINGTON WILL HAVE PARTICULARLY NEGATIVE EFFECT BY CONTRAST. ACCORDINGLY WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE GENERAL BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND THE HEALTH OF THE BILATERAL MECHANISM THAT SILVEIRA HAVE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND, BECAUSE OF THE UNEXPECTEDLY LIMITED TIME WITH THE SECRETARY, SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS AS WELL WITH CABINET LEVEL USG OFFICIALS IN ADDITION TO THE SECRETARY.

2. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, OPTIMUM USE OF OCTOBER 4 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CABINET LEVEL OFFICIALS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. OVERALL POSITIVE EFFECT OF VISIT WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED IF SILVEIRA WERE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT FORD. CONTACT AT THIS LEVEL IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH PAST PERFORMANCE. SECRETARY WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT GEISEL DURING HIS FEBRUARY VISIT IN BRASILIA AND SILVEIRA HIMSELF WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT DURING PREVIOUS VISIT TO
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WASHINGTON. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE STRONG

EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT CALL ON PRESIDENT IS INCLUDED ON HIS PROGRAM.

3. WE WOULD ALSO URGE THAT REMAINDER OF OCTOBER 4 PROGRAM INCLUDE CALLS ON FOUR CABINET LEVEL US OFFICIALS WHOSE AGENCIES IMPINGE SIGNIFICANTLY ON US/BRAZIL RELATIONS. CALL ON SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON WOULD APPEAR TO US TO BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE, AND WE WOULD HOPE DEPARTMENT, IN SEEKING APPOINTMENT, WOULD GIVE IT PRIORITY DESERVED. WE WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND CALL ON ERDA ADMINISTRATOR SEAMANS AS WAY OF UNDERSCORING NEW EMPHASIS ON ENERGY COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL LAUNCHED BY SECRETARY'S FEBRUARY 1976 VISIT. SEAMANS- SILVEIRA MEETING WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEF REVIEW AND FOR ACKNOWLEDGMNET THAT A NUMBER OF PROJECTS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION AND COOPERATION IS PROCEEDING. IT ALSO COULD BE FOLLOW UP TO KRATZER-SIEVERING MEETINGS WITH GOB NUCLEAR AUTHORITIES ON MAJOR QUESTION OF AMENDMENTS TO BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

4. FOR REMAINING CALLS, WE CONCUR THAT A MEETING WITH SECRETARY BUTZ WOULD BE VALUABLE AS WOULD CALL ON SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE DENT.

5. SINCE SILVEIRA WILL NOT HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SECRETARY AT ALL ON PREVIOUS DAY, AND SINCE THIS FIRST FORMAL SESSION OF NEW CONSULTATIVE GROUP, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD ERR ON THE SIDE OF GENEROSITY IN SETTING ASIDE TIME FOR FORMAL SESSION. WE WOULD PREFER THAT FULL TWO HOURS COULD BE SET ASIDE FOR FORMAL MORNING SESSION, I.E. 1100 TO 1300. PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH TO ABOUT 1530 COULD BE RESERVED FOR PRIVATE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SILVEIRA AND SECRETARY; WHICH WE WOULD EXPECT TO RUN 45 MINUTES.

6. IDEALLY, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE SECOND MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM FOLLOWING POST-LUNCHEON PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. IF SECRETARY UNAVAILABLE, AFTERNOON SESSION COULD BE CHAIRED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY OR DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY ROGERS, CONCENTRATING ON DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC ISSUES WITH HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION OF OTHER CONCERNED USG AGENCIES. WE WOULD STRONGLY URGE, IF POSSIBLE, SECRETARY RICHARDSON BE CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLUDED IN SOME WAY IN THIS MEETING.

7. SINCE SILVEIRA PROBABLY INTENDS TO CONNECT WITH VARIG FLIGHT OUT OF NEW YORK AT 2000, OCTOBER 5, WE DO NOT CONSIDER ANY SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM FEASIBLE BEYOND ABOUT 1700. RECEPTION GIVEN BY BRAZILIANS THAT AFTERNOON WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO BE OUT OF QUESTION IN VIEW OF SILVEIRA'S EARLY DEPARTURE SCHEDULE.

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